

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Water Quality Protection Fund

Purpose and History

One of the programs administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is the Public Water Supply Program that receives funding from the Water Quality Protection Fund.

A public water supply is defined as a system that has at least 15 service connections or serves at least 25 people for at least 60 days throughout the year. These systems are regulated by the Water Supply Engineering Section in the DNR. A public water supply system can be further classified as:

- A community water system that serves customers throughout the year. This includes municipalities, unincorporated towns, subdivisions, and mobile home parks.
- A nontransient noncommunity system that serves customers with at least 25 of the same people four hours or more per day, for four or more days per week, for 26 or more weeks per year. This includes schools, day-care centers, factories, and offices.
- A transient noncommunity system that regularly serves at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. This includes highway rest areas, bars, restaurants with fewer than 25 employees, golf courses, and parks.

In 2014, there were more than 2.7 million people in Iowa serviced by community public water supply systems. This represents 90.8% of the state's population.

Funding

Funding for the Water Quality Protection Fund includes an annual appropriation from the Environment First Fund and fees paid by public water supply systems. Although the appropriation amount may vary from year to year, the annual appropriation to the Water Quality Protection Fund has been \$500,000 for the past 10 years. The average amount of fees collected over the past 10 years is \$725,000.

Related Statutes

Iowa Code section [455B.183A](#)

[567](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapter [41](#)

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More Information

Department of Natural Resources Water Supply Engineering:
<http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/RegulatoryWater/WaterSupplyEngineering.aspx>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

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